

June 21, 2026

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Father's Day

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION
www.marcolutheran.org/foundation

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.



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 everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world, from the shining courts above,
The Beloved One, His Only Son,
Was giv'n to show God's love.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!
4. This is my Father's world. O 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.

Please be Seated

PSALM 103:8-18

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

People: He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

Leader: He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

People: For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

Leader: He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

People: The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

Leader: For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.

People: Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die.

Leader: The wind blows, and we are gone as though we had never been here.

**People: But the love of the LORD remains forever with those who fear him.
His salvation extends to the children's children**

Leader: of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!

FIRST READING

Genesis 4:3-12

Leader: ³When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the LORD. ⁴Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The LORD accepted Abel and his gift, ⁵but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected. ⁶“Why are you so angry?” the LORD asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected? ⁷You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.” ⁸One day Cain suggested to his brother, “Let’s go out into the fields.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him. ⁹Afterward the LORD asked Cain, “Where is your brother? Where is Abel?” “I don’t know,” Cain responded. “Am I my brother’s guardian?” ¹⁰But the LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground! ¹¹Now you are cursed and banished from the ground, which has swallowed your brother’s blood. ¹²No longer will the ground

yield good crops for you, no matter how hard you work! From now on you will be a homeless wanderer on the earth.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HYMN

THY WORD

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
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

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
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
I will love you to the end

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-26

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

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

Pastor: ²¹ “You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ ²² But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. ²³ “So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. ²⁵ “When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ And if that happens, you surely won’t be free again until you have paid the last penny.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be Seated

SOLO

HOW DEEP THE FATHERS LOVE

KRISTIN THELEN

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Today Jesus Christ comes to you with an invitation, saying, “Repent” and “Follow Me.” Let us prepare to receive His Word, leave our sin behind, and follow Him in the power of His forgiveness.

People: **Lord God, open our ears to hear Your call of salvation and life. Enable us to hear the voice of Your Son, Christ our Lord, that His Word may move us to turn from our ways and our walk without You, and follow Him in faith, that we may learn and live in the light of Your love.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, “I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise You. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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

1. Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!
3. Faith of our fathers, we will strive
To win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then indeed be free.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

4. Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

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

'CAIN AND ABEL'

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 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

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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), Lynn & Jeremy Schroeder, 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),Frank Alterio(Marge Alterio), 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!***

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Charlie & Judi Vollmer

BIRTHDAYS: Bill Kaschube, Denise Long, Mike Mueller, Rita Stiehl, Roland Leyboldt, Bob Heins, Greg Henke, Lynne Chan, Kathy Berner, Robert Cory, Bob Sutton

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

IN PERSON - 142 ONLINE - 116 THE GATHERING - 10 TOTAL - 268

CONTRIBUTIONS:

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

Total June to-date (3 Sundays): **\$42,914 (67%)**

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

Actual Year-to-date: **\$492,006 (91%)**

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
SUNDAYS:	10:45AM IN THE “GREAT ROOM” FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP

Thank You to Our Helpful Servants For:

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Worship Leader: Carolyn Ohman

Pastor Jim Thelen

Keyboardist: Lucielle Gaita

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 at **5:00 pm** in the *Great Room* as follows:

JULY 1

AUGUST 26

JULY 15

SEPTEMBER 9

JULY 29

SEPTEMBER 23

AUGUST 12

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



June 21, 1788: The U.S. Constitution went into effect when New Hampshire became the required ninth state to ratify it.

A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Join us from **November 2-12, 2027**, for a transformative journey to the Holy Land. Discover sacred sites, walk the ancient streets of Jerusalem, and marvel at Bethlehem's historic wonders. This trip offers guided tours, personal reflection, and community fellowship. Whether you're inspired by faith, history, or adventure, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Create lasting memories in one of the world's most revered regions.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION - 239.394.0332



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 21 – JULY 11

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE 21 FATHER’S DAY 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION 1:00P GATHERING @ THE WATERMARK	JUNE 22 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	JUNE 23 8:30A MEN’S BIBLE STUDY	JUNE 24	JUNE 25 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	JUNE 26	JUNE 27
JUNE 28 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION 1:00P GATHERING @ THE WATERMARK	JUNE 29 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	JUNE 30 8:30A MEN’S BIBLE STUDY	JULY 1 5:00P THE CHOSEN	JULY 2 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY NO YOGA	JULY 3	JULY 4 <u>INDEPENDENCE</u> <u>DAY</u> 250 YEARS 
JULY 5 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION 1:00P GATHERING @ THE WATERMARK 3:00P GATHERING @ DISCOVERY VILLAGE	JULY 6 1:00P OUTREACH NO YOGA	JULY 7 8:30A MEN’S BIBLE STUDY 10:00A WOMEN OF MARCO	JULY 8	JULY 9 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY NO YOGA	JULY 10	JULY 11