

Marco Lutheran Church

525 N. COLLIER BLVD. MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145

marcolutheran.org

Sunday, August 30th, 2026

WORSHIP HOUR: 9:30 A.M.

"At Marco Lutheran Church, we are followers of Jesus Christ who share His Good News by loving and serving all people."

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

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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.

WORSHIP

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

1. Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

2. On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will talk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day. **REF.**

3. Soon we'll reach the silver river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. **REF.**

Please be Seated

PSALM 16

Leader: Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge.

People: **I said to the LORD, “You are my Master!
Every good thing I have comes from you.”**

Leader: The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them!

People: **Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.
I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood or even speak the names
of their gods.**

Leader: LORD, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing.

People: **You guard all that is mine. The land you have given me is a pleasant land.
What a wonderful inheritance!**

Leader: I will bless the LORD who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me.

People: **I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right
beside me.**

Leader: No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.

People: **For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot
in the grave.**

Leader: You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence
and the pleasures of living with you forever.

FIRST READING

Genesis 40: 1-8

Leader: Sometime later, Pharaoh’s chief cup-bearer and chief baker offended their royal master. ²Pharaoh became angry with these two officials, ³and he put them in the prison where Joseph was, in the palace of the captain of the guard. ⁴They remained in prison for quite some time, and the captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, who looked after them. ⁵While they were in prison, Pharaoh’s cup-bearer and baker each had a dream one night, and each dream had its own meaning. ⁶When Joseph saw them the next morning, he noticed that they both looked upset. ⁷“Why do you look so worried today?” he asked them. ⁸And they replied, “We both had dreams last night, but no one can tell us what they mean.” “Interpreting dreams is God’s business,” Joseph replied. “Go ahead and tell me your dreams.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Please Stand

HYMN

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia

SEEK YE FIRST

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be
Opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
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HOLY GOSPEL

John 16: 17-28

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

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

Pastor: ¹⁷Some of the disciples asked each other, “What does he mean when he says, ‘In a little while you won’t see me, but then you will see me,’ and ‘I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸And what does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand.” ¹⁹Jesus realized they wanted to ask him about it, so he said, “Are you asking yourselves what I meant? I said in a little while you won’t see me, but a little while after that you will see me again. ²⁰I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. ²¹It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. ²²So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy. ²³At that time you won’t need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. ²⁴You haven’t done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy. ²⁵“I have spoken of these matters in figures of speech, but soon I will stop speaking figuratively and will tell you plainly all about the Father. ²⁶Then you will ask in my name. I’m not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf, ²⁷for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God. ²⁸Yes, I

came from the Father into the world, and now I will leave the world and return to the Father.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

After the Cross is Returned, Please Be Seated

HYMN

HAMMER SONG

If I had a hammer
I'd hammer in the morning
I'd hammer in the evening
All over this land
I'd hammer out danger
I'd hammer out a warning
I'd hammer out love between
my brothers and my sisters
All over this land

If I had a bell
I'd ring it in the morning
I'd ring it in the evening
All over this land
I'd ring out danger
I'd ring out a warning
I'd ring out love between my
brothers and my sisters
All over this land

If I had a song
I'd sing it in the morning
I'd sing it in the evening
All over this land
I'd sing out danger
I'd sing out a warning
I'd sing out love between my brothers
and my sisters
All over this land, ooh

Well I got a hammer
And I got a bell
And I got a song to sing (Song to sing)
All over this land
It's the hammer of justice
It's the bell of freedom
It's a song about love between my
brothers and my sisters
All over this land
It's the hammer of justice
It's the bell of freedom
It's a song about love between my
brothers and my sisters

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: 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: Lord of heaven and earth, we bless Your Holy Name! In Your mercy, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to take on our flesh, bear our sin, and be our Savior. With thankful and repentant hearts, we receive the salvation He won for us through His body and blood given on the cross. Gathered in Jesus’ name, we ask You to forgive us, renew us, and strengthen us by Your Word and Spirit. Help us faithfully receive His body and blood as He has given us to do. Keep us in Your care, hear our prayers, and bring us at last to the eternal feast of the Lamb in

Your kingdom. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor, and praise, 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 after 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 after 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

COME EXPECTING JESUS

Refrain

I come expecting Jesus
To meet me in this place
I come expecting to receive
His mercy and His grace
When I eat the bread and drink the wine
It will be a holy moment in time
I come expecting Jesus
To meet me in this place
Refrain

Before us the table is spread
Here awaits the wine
And here ere awaits the bread
This passage of hope
The bread and the cup
Here where our souls are fed **Refrain**

Remember the price that He paid
This beautiful gift that He gave
Come and receive
The healing He freely gives
Here where His love awaits **Refrain**

I come expecting Jesus
To meet me in this place...
I come expecting Jesus...
To meet me in this place

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

'TWO DREAMERS'

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

1. For the beauty of the earth
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

**Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

2. For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, **Refrain**

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Refrain

4. For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Refrain

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Thank You to Our Helpful Servants For:

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Worship Leader: Carolyn Ohman

Pastor Jim Thelen

Music: Craig Greusel

Keyboardist: John Davis

SHARING

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS: Joyce Maxfield, Kitty Argobright, Bob Kelley, Don Terry, Al Wilke, Hal Heidtman, Marilyn Nervig, Kim Razaiv

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, Charlie Pike (Dick & Vicki Ross), Don Clark Jr. (Betty Clark), Cecilia Popoff (Vicki Williams), Family Member (Judy Volker), Charlie Darr (Patti Naughton), Kevin Carr (Marie Mahr), Ruth Naughton (Patti Naughton), Jack & Connie Hawkins, Darlene Kent (Dave & Connie Wuellner), Shane Silver (Nancy Carrington), Jim Cookfair, John & John Brewitt Jr. (Doug & Sandy Alger), Fran Hall (Linda Harrison), Patricia Willey, Ryan Degen (David & Judy Karlin), Frank Alterio (Marge Alterio), Tracy Rusinyak (Patti Naughton), Shirley Rhodes (Sybil Fleming), David Hill (Pamela Hill), Dave Stiffler, Pam Harger (Dave & Connie Wuellner), Dan Popoff Vicki Williams, Larry Sturzenegger (Vicki Williams), Denny Zent (Dave & Connie Wuellner) August Streit (Eric & Sara Peterson), Rick Maxfield (Joyce Maxfield), Sharon Grady (Laverne & Conrad Henry), Pastor Gary Koltz, Shawn Alcarese (Ruth Miller) and those we name in our hearts.

KINDLY ADVISE IF WE MAY REMOVE ANY NAMES FROM OUR PRAYER LISTS

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron & Sharon Griffith, Stephen & Joan Lunde, Julie & Mark Smiley, Dick Moody & Pam Nesseth-Moody

BIRTHDAYS: Nancy Mueller, Dale Surber, Hildegard Carney, Jim Heckenliable, Kirk Nestaval, Joan Coffey, Pat Hueler, Mark Kuhnly

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

IN PERSON -110 ONLINE -110 GATHERING - 13 TOTAL – 233

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Total August Target: **\$47,500 Total**
Year-to-date Target: **\$643,800**

August to-date (4 Sundays): **\$47,397 (100%)**
Actual Year-to-date: **\$655,694 (102%)**

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**

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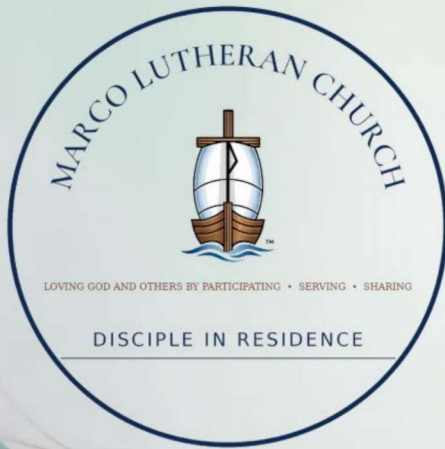
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* OCTOBERFEST * THE GATHERINGS * CELEBRATING YOU

BECOME PART OF WHAT GOD IS DOING **AT MARCO LUTHERAN**

JOIN US IN DISCUSSION, DISCOVERING AND LEARNING TOGETHER



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Bible Studies

Coffee & Conversation - Sundays @ 10:45am

Men's Bible Study - Tuesdays @ 8:30am
Will resume October 13

Women of the Word - Wednesdays @ 10:00am
Will resume October 14

Adult Bible Study - Thursdays @ 10:00am
Will resume October 15

Board of Human Care- 3rd Qtr Mission (July- Sept)
A Pallet Drive of Our Daily Bread Food Pantry



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MLC website- “Giving” tab Vanco Offering Boxes
Cash or Checks memo line: ODB

Ways to Give

Be Part of What God Is Doing at Marco Lutheran

Offering Box - Check or Cash

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SEPTEMBER 2026 EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10am WOMEN OF MARCO	2	3 10am SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30pm GENTLE YOGA 2pm CHAIR YOGA	4	5
6 9:30am WORSHIP 10:45am COFFEE & CONVERSATION & CELEBRATING YOU! THE GATHERINGS 1pm WATERMARK 3pm DISCOVERY VILLAGE	7 OFFICE CLOSED NO YOGA	8 10am CHRISTIAN ED	9 1pm OUTREACH 5pm THE CHOSEN	10 10am SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30pm GENTLE YOGA 2pm CHAIR YOGA	11	12
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