SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

THE HOLY TRINITY

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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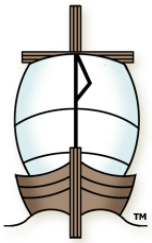
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Marco Island, FL 34145

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 HOUR:
SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.



THE SHIP OF THE CROSS

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 we commune 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** available by informing the Communion 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 Spirit Driven

The Book of Acts is a powerful testimony of God's Holy Spirit moving mightily through the first followers of Jesus, empowering them to preach the Gospel with boldness, perform miracles, build community, and spread the message of salvation across nations. It is a story of ordinary people transformed by an extraordinary presence—God working through them to do what they could never do on their own. That same Holy Spirit is alive and active today, and God desires to move through us with the same power and purpose. As we surrender to Him, He equips us to live out our faith boldly, love others deeply, and be His witnesses in a world that desperately needs hope.

✠PREPARATION✠

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 SENTENCES *Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31*

Pastor: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit possess all wisdom before the very work of creation.
People: Praise be to the Holy Trinity.

Pastor: Wisdom, begotten of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals the incarnate Christ—the appointed Messiah, working out our salvation's story.
People: Praise be to the Holy Trinity.

Pastor: Eternal wisdom delights, rejoices, and is the workman of all things created and redeemed.
People: Praise be to the Holy Trinity. Amen.

OPENING HYMN This Is My Father's 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 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.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting triune God, grant us abiding faith that we may steadfastly believe and confess Your divine work as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout our temporal and eternal living, be our constant companion—creating and renewing, redeeming and forgiving, calling and sanctifying us. In all suffering and service, grant that we be mindful that You are the one true God, undivided, uncreated, infinite, and almighty, in whose triune name we pray.
People: Amen.

Please be Seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

1. Children of the heav'nly Father
   Safely in His bosom gather;
   Nestling bird nor star in heaven
   Such a refuge e'er was given.

2. God His own doth tend and nourish;
   In His holy courts they flourish.
   From all evil things He spares them;
   In His mighty arms He bears them.

4. Though He giveth or He taketh,
   God His children ne'er forsaketh;
   His the loving purpose solely
   To preserve them pure and holy.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Leader: **14** Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. **22** "People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. **23** But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. **24** But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip. **25** King David said this about him: 'I see that the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. **26** No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises! My body rests in hope. **27** For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave. **28** You have shown me the way of life, and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.

29 "Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn't referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us. **30** But he was a prophet, and he knew God had promised with an oath that one of David's own descendants would sit on his throne. **31** David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave.

32 “God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. 33 Now he is
exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father,
as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see
and hear today. 34 For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said,
‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit in the place of honor at my right hand 35 until I
humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.”’ 36 “So let
everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you
crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”

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

John 8:48-59

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: [48] The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?” [49] “I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. [50] I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. [51] Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.” [52] At this they exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. [53] Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?”
[54] Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. [55] Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. [56] Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” [57] “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” [58] “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” [59] At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be Seated

SPECIAL MUSIC — INSTRUMENTAL MOMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS — *Philippians 1:6*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: Amen.

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, O Holy Trinity, the Lord of all things created, redeemed, and sanctified in this temporal and eternal life. We give You thanks that by faith we can believe, receive, and boldly confess the inseparable, unique, and cohesive work of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So also, this day, by faith we eat and drink bread and wine, that is the very body and blood of Jesus, the Christ, who is our source of forgiveness, life, and salvation.
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

Faith Of Our Fathers

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!

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

Pastor: Let us pray.
Holy Trinity, by faith we acknowledge Your unending, seamless, and inseparable work in our lives through Word and Sacrament. Father, we thank You for Your relentless commitment to re-create our weary souls; Jesus, we thank You for suffering, dying, and rising, so that we too may rise; Holy Spirit, we thank You for calling us by name at our Baptism, making us the holy, forgiven people of God.
People: All praise be to the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 "SHARING GODS WORD" PASTOR JIM THELEN

SERMON NOTES

Please Stand

APOSTLE'S 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.**

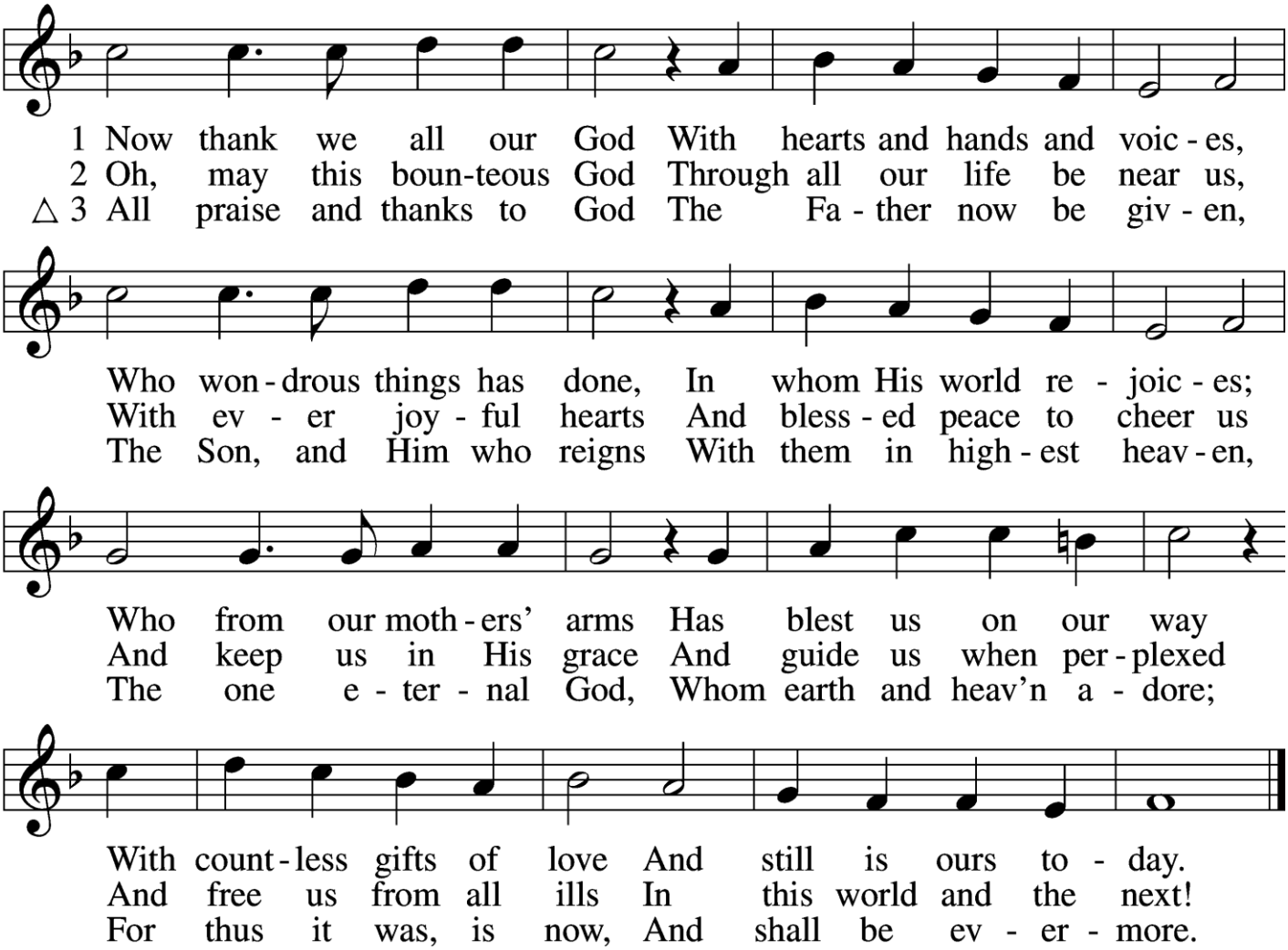
BENEDICTION *Hebrews 13:20–21; Numbers 6:24–26*

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



DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS: Bob Kelley, Robert Tessarolo, Lindy Kowalczyk, Mary Moyer, Walter Jaskiewicz, Shar Wyatt, Joyce Maxfield, Bob Volatile, Kitty Argobright, Connie Wuellner, Conrad Henry, Harvey Amen, Mark Kuhnly,

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY: Andrea Sager (Donnie & Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), Miranda Curiale, Jim & Linda Daley, Cecelia Popoff (Vicki Williams), Niels Jorgensen family, Judy Iacono & Irene Fox (Meredith Bair), Pat Terreri (Lisa Hammond), Rene & Terry Maurer (Anne Rozite), Wallace Kowalczyk (Lindy Kowalczyk), Elenita Grijalvo, Betty Carlin, Jeff Clark (Betty Clark), Paula Edelstein (Lynne Chan), Gaye Wellbrock (John Mueller), Woody Barnette (Donnie & Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), Connie Hawkins (Dave & Connie Wuellner), Katie Sinex (Wilma Voglino), Pam Robole (Carmen Brookshaw), Peg & Tom Malota (Paul & Lydia Krueger), Sheila Robinson (Wanda Schmelzer), Darrin Leist (Susan Scharles), Sue & Jim Huver (Judy Volker), Marina Sorber, Mary Noble (Carolyn Ohman), Rene Mauer (Anne Rozite), Cindy Haugen (Sandy Alger), Donna Morelan (Sandy Alger), Candie Simmons (Sandy Alger,) Sydney Rehlek, (Darrin Leist), Peg & Tom Malota (Lydia Kruger), Tom and Judy Resler (Dick and Vicki Ross), Ferreria and DeAza families(Dick and Vicki Ross), Ed Graham (Jaye Spencer), Bill Vollmer(Judy Vollmer), Sandi Dorrin(Amy Lewis), Betty Carlen(Donnie and Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), Robert Hoseafeld,(Louise Shaffer) and those we name in our hearts.

PRAYERS AND COMFORT FOR BETTY CARLEN, THE WIFE OF LARRY CARLEN. LARRY WAS OUR FORMER PROPERTY MANAGER HERE AT MARCO LUTHERAN, PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY AS BETTY ENTERS HOSPICE.

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Craig & Geralynn Greusel, Paul & Lydia Krueger, Bill & Margie Eyster

BIRTHDAYS:

Marlene Walter, Madeline Barbour, Mary Bodkins, Bill Kaschube, Denise Long

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: IN HOUSE**. -148** ONLINE**- 83** TOTAL**-231**

CONTRIBUTIONS:

June Target: **$60,500** June Actual (2 Sundays): **$23,356 (39%)**
Year Target (thru June):**$515,350** Year Actual (thru June): $450,158 (**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! **(239) 394-0332**

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**

You can also scan me to give.

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 at the back center aisle.
2. You can mail your offerings to the church.

USING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER THE GIVE TAB:

3. You can give ONLINE as either 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 or simply texting donations. If you have any difficulty or questions, please email financialsec@marcolutheran.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BIBLE STUDY:

Weekday Bible Studies will resume for the summer session beginning **June 19th** and will go on for 12 weeks ending **September 11, 2025**. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION SUNDAYS: 10:45 A.M.

WANT TO LIVE THE STORY OF JESUS?

Come join us as we watch the award winning **"The Chosen"** together! Starting the **last Saturday of each month** beginning **June 28, 2025 at 5:00pm** in the Great Room**.** We will have a light meal and beverages in advance, showing of the film and a relevant discussion to follow each showing. There will be a free will donation of **$7.00 per person**. If interested, please sign up in the Narthex on the ministry desk so we can plan food, etc. Looking forward to enjoying these showings with everyone.

THANK YOU TO OUR HELPFUL SERVANTS FOR—SUNDAY JUNE 15, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER:	JACK LUSTILA
LAY MINISTER:	DIANE WALTRIP
HEAD USHER:	GREG WALTRIP
USHERS:	RANDY ALLEN, BOB CORY & RUTH CORY
TRANSPORTERS:	RUTH CORY & DIANE WALTRIP
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	DEBBIE SANGER & JAYE SPENCER
GREETER:	HILDEGARD CARNEY
ALTAR GUILD:	ANNE ROZITE & VICKI ROSS

DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION

Marco Lutheran will again collect contributions to send to the LCMS World Relief and Human Care. We designate 'Tornado/Storm Response' to ensure it goes to fulfilling their mission of providing ongoing support where most needed.

Storms and tornadoes have ravaged several states from the Heartland to the East Coast, with Kentucky and Missouri hardest hit. In all, hundreds of thousands lost power, many buildings and homes were destroyed, leaving untold people homeless, and numerous lives lost.

As this weather continues, we here in SWFL are so blessed and MLC will again support our strong mission of helping others in their time of need.

Please make your donation via check payable to Marco Lutheran with
'Disaster Relief' in the memo – or you can donate online via
Vanco to 'Disaster Relief'

-Happy Father's Day-

CALENDAR JUNE 15-JULY 5, 2025						
SUNDAY	**MONDAY**	**TUESDAY**	**WEDNESDAY**	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**
JUNE 15 **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!** **9:30A WORSHIP** **10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION**	**JUNE 16** 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	**JUNE 17**	**JUNE 18** 11:00A LUNCH WITH FRIENDS	**JUNE 19** 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLEYOGA 1:00P COUNCIL 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	**JUNE 20** 1:00P BOHC	**JUNE 21**
JUNE 22 **9:30A WORSHIP** NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION & RECEPTION **10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION**	**JUNE 23** 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	**JUNE 24**	**JUNE 25**	**JUNE 26** 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	**JUNE 27**	**JUNE 28** 5:00P **"THE CHOSEN"** DINNER & A MOVIE
JUNE 29 **9:30A WORSHIP** **10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION**	**JUNE 30** 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	**JULY 1** 10:00A WOM 11:00A OUTREACH	**JULY 2**	**JULY 3** 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	**JULY 4** ***INDEPENDENCE DAY***  ***OFFICE CLOSED***	**JULY 5**

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