SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION
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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY, 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
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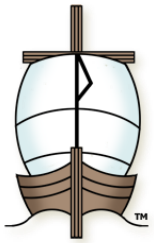
Our Mission Statement:

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

WORSHIP 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

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His followers multiple times, not only proving that He was truly alive, but also transforming their fear into faith and their doubt into bold conviction. He walked with them, spoke peace over them, opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and commissioned them to carry His message to the world. These encounters with the risen Christ shaped their lives forever—they were no longer hiding in fear but courageously proclaiming the good news. That same Jesus is with us today. He still brings peace to our anxious hearts, clarity to our confusion, and power to our purpose. Just as He walked with them, He walks with us now, inviting us to live as witnesses of His resurrection and love.

✠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 *Isaiah 52:10; 48:17; 55:6*

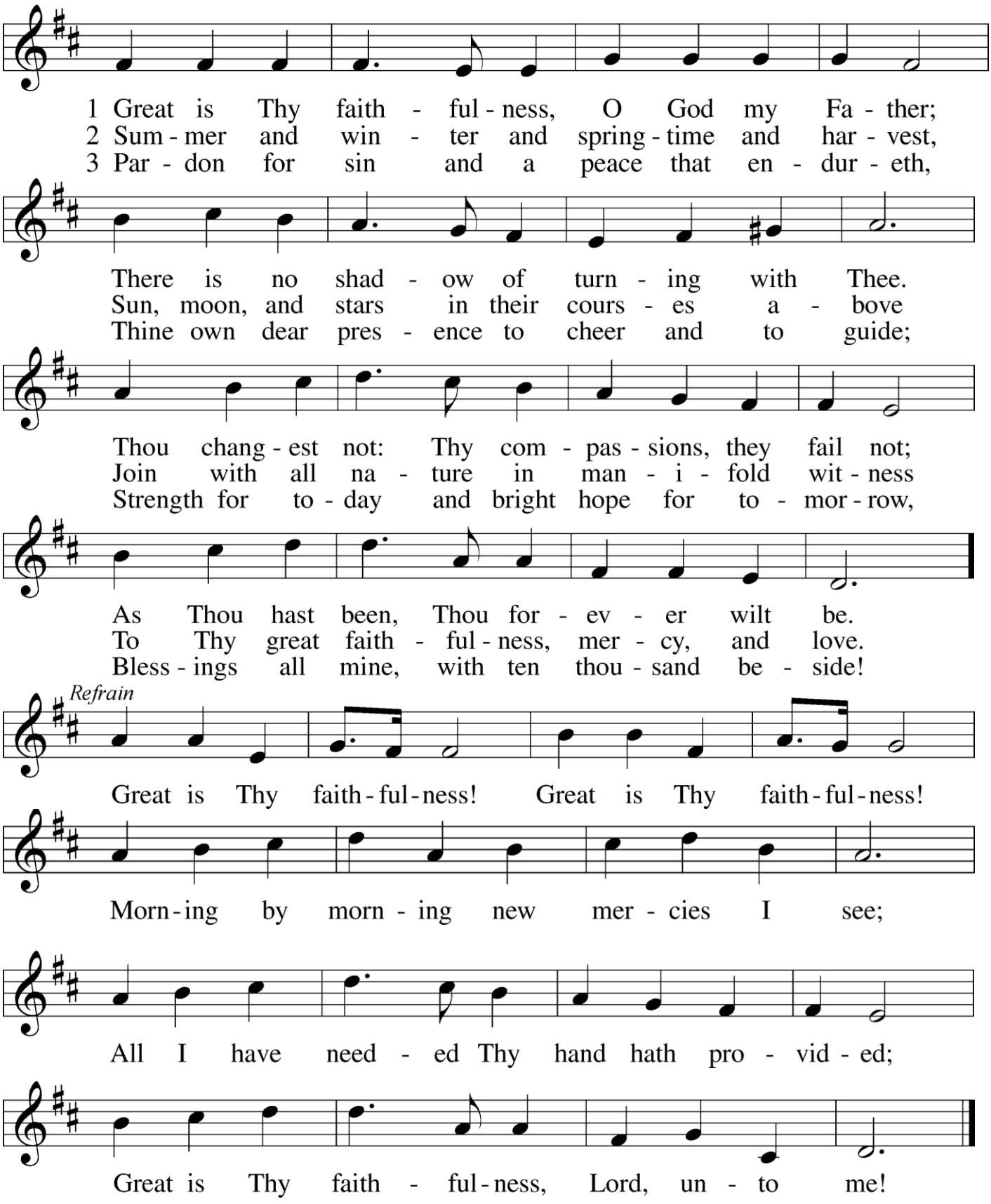
Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Pastor: The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
People: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Pastor: Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
People: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go."

Pastor: Seek the LORD while He may be found;
People: call upon Him while He is near.

OPENING HYMN Great Is Thy Faithfulness



SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Leader: Let us pray.
O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

Please be Seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:38-47

Leader: **38** Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away all who have been called by the Lord our God."**40** Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" **41** Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day

about 3,000 in all. [42] All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper[b]), and to prayer. [43] A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. [44] And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. [45] They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. [46] They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity [47] all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

HYMN

Open our eyes Lord

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

Luke 8:26-39

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

Pastor: [26] So they arrived in the region of the Gerasenes, across the lake from Galilee. [27] As Jesus was climbing out of the boat, a man who was possessed by demons came out to meet him. For a long time he had been homeless and naked, living in the tombs outside the town.
[28] As soon as he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down in front of him. Then he screamed, "Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Please, I beg you, don't torture me!" [29] For Jesus had already commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. This spirit had often taken control of the man. Even when he was placed under guard and put in chains and shackles, he simply broke them

and rushed out into the wilderness, completely under the demon's power. [30] Jesus demanded, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, for he was filled with many demons. [31] The demons kept begging Jesus not to send them into the bottomless pit. [32] There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby, and the demons begged him to let them enter into the pigs. So Jesus gave them permission. [33] Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned. [34] When the herdsmen saw it, they fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. [35] People rushed out to see what had happened. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been freed from the demons. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. [36] Then those who had seen what happened told the others how the demon-possessed man had been healed. [37] And all the people in the region of the Gerasenes begged Jesus to go away and leave them alone, for a great wave of fear swept over them. So Jesus returned to the boat and left, crossing back to the other side of the lake. [38] The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him home, saying, [39] "No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So, he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him.

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

Please be Seated

SPECIAL MUSIC **INSTRUMENTAL MOMENT**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Isaiah 46:12–13*

Pastor: Seeking our Lord, His wisdom, and His grace, we confess:
People: Almighty and all-merciful God, in wisdom You have created all things, and in grace, You seek the lost and erring. Yet, through our selfish choices and sinful nature, we ignore Your wisdom and refuse Your grace. We prefer our own way, resisting the Holy Spirit and His work of bringing forth the fruits of faithfulness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, console and correct us, that we might forsake our wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts and turn to You, the God who has compassion and abundant pardon.

Pastor: The Lord is gracious, for He declares, “Listen to Me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from righteousness: I bring near My righteousness; it is not far off, and My salvation will not delay.” The Lord has brought His righteousness in giving His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you. Through Him, and Him alone, you have forgiveness, life, and salvation. In the stead and by the command of 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.

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 who You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. To all the nations He declares, “I am the way” and “no one comes to the Father except through Me.” We give You thanks and praise that through His obedience and sacrifice on the cross, Jesus Christ has made a way for sinners like us to receive forgiveness, reconciliation, and redemption. Feed us with His true body and blood that our lives might abound in faith and good works, and gather us with the faithful from the ends of the earth, to the marriage feast of the Lamb, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You 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 On our Knees

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.

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 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.

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Spirit of wisdom and truth, we praise You for the gift of faith that receives the blessings that come to us through the Supper of our Savior, Jesus. Keep us steadfast in the way of everlasting life, granting us wisdom to go and grow in the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: **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 "THE CHURCH" 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

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 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, Jim Shaw

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY: Andrea Sager (Donnie & Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), Miranda Curiale, Jim Daley, Corinne Popoff (Vicki Williams), Judy Ianco (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 (Doug and Sandy Alger), Candie Simmons (Doug and 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), Betty Carlen(Donnie and Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), Robert Hoseafeld,(Louise Shaffer), Don Clark Jr.(Betty Clark), Linda Skelley(Ray Skelley), Dick Bjorkland(Doug and Sandy Alger) and those we name in our hearts.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill & Margie Eyster, Ron & Jean Groenke, Charlie & Judi Vollmer

BIRTHDAYS: Madeline Barbour, Mary Bodkins, Bill Kaschube, Denise Long, Rita Stiehl, Roland Leypoldt, Frances Silcock, Bob Heins, Greg Henke, Lynne Chan, Kathy Berner, Robert Cory, Bob Sutton

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: IN PERSON-134 ONLINE- 97 TOTAL-231

CONTRIBUTIONS:

June Target: **$60,500**
Year Target (thru June): **$515,350**
June Actual (3 Sundays): **$39,484 (65%)**
Year Actual (thru June): **$466,286 (90%)**

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**

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.

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.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: SUNDAYS: 10:45 A.M.

THIS SUNDAY (JUNE 22) WILL BE NEW MEMBER WELCOME!

TO THE NEWEST FAMILY MEMBERS OF MARCO LUTHERAN

HEDEL AGAOGLU
BARBARA BENEDETTI
BONNIE CALVIN
PATRICIA HARVEY
BILL HULBIG
MIKE MUELLER
CHERYL MUELLER
JUNE PROPHET
CAROL SIADAK
BOB SUTTON
DON TERRY
JIM THELEN
KRISTIN THELEN
MIRIAM THELEN
ERNIE ZORN
ELISA ZORN

Looking for Prayer Warriors

The Board of Human Care is looking into starting a prayer chain. We are looking for volunteers who feel passionate about lifting all our congregational prayer requests to the Lord and to be part of a team that faithfully lifts their voices in praise and supplication. Isn't it wonderful to know that we can pour our hearts out to the Lord at any time and that he promises to hear and answer our prayers?
If you have questions about this most exciting and powerful team or want to join us, please contact
Scott Berner (847-867-9797), Lili Surber (626-705-6550), or Vicki Ross (989-284-0200). We'll be setting up a meeting shortly to organize and to kick this off.

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'

THANK YOU TO OUR HELPFUL SERVANTS FOR—SUNDAY JUNE 22, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER:	JACK LUSTILA
LAY MINISTER:	PAUL GREMEL
HEAD USHER: -	BILL KASCHUBE
USHERS:	GREG WALTRIP, ANDY ROZITE & HARRY RUBASH
TRANSPORTERS:	DIANE WALTRIP & DEBBIE SANGER
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	DICK ROSS & KIM RUBASH
ALTAR GUILD:	ANNE ROZITE & PAM MOODY
GREETER:	HILDEGARD CARNEY

CALENDAR JUNE 22-JULY 12, 2025						
SUNDAY	**MONDAY**	**TUESDAY**	**WEDNESDAY**	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**
JUNE 22 **9:30A WORSHIP** **NEW MEMBER 9:30A INSTALLATION & 10:45A 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 GENTLEYOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	**JUNE 27**	**JUNE 28** 5:00P DINNER & A MOVIE "THE CHOSEN"
JUNE 29 **9:30A WORSHIP & COUNCIL INSTALLATION** **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** *JULY 4TH OFFICE CLOSED* 	**JULY 5**
JULY 6 **9:30A WORSHIP** **10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION**	**JULY 7** 10:00A SEA GALS 10:00A PROPERTY BOARD 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	**JULY 8** 10:00A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	**JULY 9**	**JULY 10** 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 1:00P PROGRAMATTIC BOARD MEETING 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	**JULY 11**	**JULY 12**

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