

## The "Salvation Outline"

The following seven points summarize basic information about the human condition and God's saving grace. These are central to our understanding of the Bible, our teaching, and the works of service we do in our community.

**God loves you!** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16.

**You are a sinner.** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23.

**God punishes sin.** "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 6:23.

**Jesus took our punishment.** "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5:8.

**Jesus rose from the dead.** "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

**Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to those who believe in Him.** "Then he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household'" Acts 16:30-31

**Salvation is free—a gift from God.** "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not a result of works, so that no one may boast" Ephesians 2:8-9

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**MARATHON LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
**Early Childhood Center**  
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Marathon Lutheran School reopened its doors in September 2015 as an Early Childhood Center.

We provide care for children from infant to age 5 from 7:30am to 5:30pm.

Our program is licensed by the Department of Children and Families and we work in cooperation with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe.

We are also part of a larger national Lutheran School system.

More than 1,200 early childhood centers and preschools are operated by congregations and Christian day schools within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

More than 87,000 children, ranging in age from infant/toddler to 5 years of age, are involved in these programs.

Please call us at (305) 735-4762 for more information about our school.



*We are blessed to have you worship with us! Come back again soon!*



**Martin Luther Chapel**  
**325 122<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gulf**  
**Marathon, FL. 33050**

**A Confessional Church**  
**providing the Historical Liturgy**  
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### **Sunday Schedule:**

9:00am Divine Service  
10:15 Coffee & Snacks  
10:30 Bible Study  
& Sunday School

Additional Special Service times are announced during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

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## 60 years of Bringing Christ to the Middle Keys



### About our Church Family

Our Church Brings the Good News about Jesus Christ to the Heart of the Keys through the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Our Word and Sacrament Ministry consists of Sunday Services, various Bible studies, individual instruction, pastoral council, and early childhood development. Our doors are open to all!

Martin Luther Chapel is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

With the universal Christian Church, The LC-MS teaches and responds to the love of the Triune God: the Father, creator of all that exists; Jesus Christ, the Son, who became human to suffer and die for the sins of all human beings and to rise to life again in the ultimate victory over death and Satan; and the Holy Spirit, who creates faith through God's Word and Sacraments. The three persons of the Trinity are coequal and coeternal, one God.

There is only one means of salvation—faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



## We Believe, Teach and Confess:

### The Holy Bible

Christians have a God who speaks through His Son, Jesus Christ, The Word, The Holy Scriptures. The Word of God is a means of grace. It is a means by which God gives us the gifts Christ won for us on the cross, namely: faith, forgiveness, adoption as sons, and eternal life. The Bible is:

Inspired (God breathed)

Clear (theological certainty)

Inerrant (without error)

Sufficient (has everything for your life and salvation)

Infallible (unable to err)

Efficacious (has power and authority)

### Holy Baptism

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

### Confession and Absolution

There are three types of Confession and Absolution. First, there is our personal confession of sins before God, trusting His Word for absolution. Second, there is corporate confession and absolution during the Divine Service. Third, there is private confession and absolution between you and your pastor.

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's prayer; but before the pastor in corporate and private confession and absolution we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

For an example of corporate and individual confession, please see pages 290 and 292 in the Lutheran Service Book.

### The Sacrament of the Altar

The Sacrament of the Altar is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

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## Being "Lutheran"



Our congregations accept and preach the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther that inspired the reformation of the Christian Church in the 16th century. The teaching of Luther and the reformers can be summarized in three phrases: Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone.

### Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)

God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him and do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable and save the ungodly.

### Sola Fide (Faith Alone)

By His suffering and death as the substitute for all people of all time, Jesus purchased and won forgiveness and eternal life for them. Those who hear this Good News and believe it have the eternal life that it offers. God creates faith in Christ and gives people forgiveness through Him.

### Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

The Bible is God's inerrant and infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law and His Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is the sole rule and norm for Christian doctrine.

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