

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2021**  
**Messiah Lutheran Church, Washburn, WI**  
**First Lutheran Church, Port Wing, WI**  
Contact Pastor Nancy @ 715 209-1100  
**Zoom ID # 816 9477 6307, passcode-church**  
Please turn off your cell phones, thank you.

### **Prelude and Announcements**

Karen Anderson and Owen Polifka

**Thanksgiving for Baptism** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, we give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with a stranger. **Breathe your peace on us when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God, now and forever. Amen.**

Messiah: Lord, let my heart be good soil ELW #512

First: Have Thine Own Way (words on insert)

**Prayer: Dear God, By the power of your Holy Spirit, open our eyes in a new and deeper way to become more and more aware of Your Spirit within us. Prune us, this day! Show us how to live as your fruit bearing branches. In your name we pray, Amen.**

Readings: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22, John 15:1-8

“As branches connected to Jesus, how do we live?”

Day by Day ELW #790, WOV #746

Apostle’s Creed ELW p. 105, WOV p. 33

Prayers of Intercession

Passing of the Peace: Please stay seated, smile and wave!

### **Offering Prayer**

**Wherever we are, however we can, may the gifts we offer in these days, bring hope to those who hunger for justice, bring healing to the grieving, bring community to those so alone in these moments. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

May the God of self-sacrificial love be with you.

**And also with you.**

May we feel God’s presence in every moment.

**Wherever we are, we lift our hearts to God.**

God fills the emptiness of our hearts with God’s loving Spirit.

Words of Institution and Lord’s Prayer

(Stay seated and use the pre-packaged holy communion elements. Please place in receptacle when you leave. Thank you.)

### **Sending Blessing**

Wherever you are, whoever you are, never forget you are part of God’s community.

Share God's enduring love this week.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

