

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Recognition of High School Graduates**  
**May 10, 2009**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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PRELUDE *Baptized in Water*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK BECC

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**

**Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING SONG	<i>We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus</i>	#451
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GREETING

ANTHEM

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

*This is the Feast*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God of our ancestors, we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do with our daughters and sons. Walk with them in life, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. You see all; you know where the water is deep. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith. May the good work that you have begun in them be brought to completion at the day of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

SERMON

HYMN	<i>Borning Cry</i>	#732
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COMMISSIONING OF CAMP COUNSELORS

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy...  
*Hear our prayer.*

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## THE PEACE

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## OFFERING

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Hayes

### \*OFFERTORY

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*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the  
prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### \*YOU ARE HOLY

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### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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### LORD'S PRAYER

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### LAMB OF GOD

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### COMMUNION SONGS

*Thy Holy Wings*

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*O Blessed Spring*

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### BLESSING

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### \*SONG AFTER COMMUNION

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*Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.  
Send us with your promises and lead your people  
forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING SONG

*Baptized in Water*

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### DISMISSAL

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### POSTLUDE

*Festival Toccata*

Koury

### WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

An usher will direct you when to come forward for the distribution. You will receive the wafer in your hand which you may then dip in the wine. A communion station with alcohol free wine and gluten free wafers is available at every communion service at the center aisle.

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!

Please let us know how we may serve you by filling out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack. If you would like information about the ministries of Bethany, visit the Hospitality Center located in the narthex or our website at [www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org).

We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
PRESIDER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
ORGANIST	Kathy Eggleston
LECTO	Al Woehrle
MUSICIANS	Chancel Choir, Director, Dan Grace Piano: Jane Jones & Kathy Eggleston
CANTORS	John Wollan
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jean Lindsey, Amy Janssen
ACOLYTES	Christylynne Grenz & Michael Carr
USHERS	Steve Rogge, Dave Clausen, Ken Hansen Gail Luttinen, Phil Angus, Andrew Rogge
SOUND TECHNICIAN	Corey Okes
MAY ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Good, Gail Hipke, Kendra Brayton

### MAY SACRISTANS

Donna Schulze-Gullett, Cindy Tingle  
Joe Wannamaker, Katie Dragseth  
Dave Malucky, Beth Nixon

- ❖ The page number **p.** refers to the Order of Service in the front of the ELW.
- ❖ The # symbol refers to hymns and service music found after the Psalms.
- ❖ The \* indicates liturgy that is omitted at the 8:00 a.m. service.
- ❖ Large print version available at the Hospitality Center.

**Bethany's Mission, Vision & Goals** Worship Meaningfully; Grow Spiritually; Serve Purposefully; Share Fellowship; Witness Intentionally

Please pick up a Bethany calendar of events at the Hospitality Center for an overview of activities in 2009!