

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



September 6th, 2026

9:30 am

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rite II

WELCOME EVERYONE!

If you are a guest today or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today! Please let us know if you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say welcome and thank you.

Blessings! *Mother Margaret+*

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Church Office Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-2:00pm.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

OPENING HYMN

“All creatures of our God and King”

Hymnal 400

¹ All creatures of our God and King, lift
up your voices, let us sing: alleluia,
alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden
beams, Pale silver moon that gently
gleams, O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

² Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O
praise him, Alleluia! Fair rising morn,
with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining,
find a voice: O praise him, O praise
him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

³ Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia! Fire, so intense and
fiercely bright, you give to us both
warmth and light, O praise him, O
praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⁴ Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way; O
praise him, Alleluia! All flowers and

fruits that in you grow, let them his
glory also show: O praise him, O praise
him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⁵ All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing
now: Alleluia! All you that pain and
sorrow bear, praise God, and cast on
him your care: O praise him, O praise
him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⁶ And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath, O
praise him, Alleluia! You lead back
home the child of God, for Christ our
Lord that way has trod: O praise him, O
praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⁷ Let all things their creator bless, and
worship him in humbleness, O praise
him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father,
praise the Son, and praise the Spirit,
Three in One: O praise him, O praise
him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

WELCOME

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All:

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they

do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

THE EPISTLE - Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are

summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“God is love”

Hymnal 577

(Refrain)

God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

¹ Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ
our calling;
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his
greeting;
let us fear and love him, holy God eternal;
loving him, let each love Christ in one
another.

(Refrain)

² When we Christians gather, members of
one Body,
let there be in us no discord, but one spirit;

banished now be anger, strife and every
quarrel:
Christ our God be always present here
among us.

(Refrain)

³ Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the
blessed,
when we see your face, O Saviour, in its
glory;
shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your
praises.

(Refrain)

THE GOSPEL - Matthew 18:15-20

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the

member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

MESSAGE

“I am there among them.”

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THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Form III*)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, pray for _____. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, pray for _____. In the DR cycle of prayer, pray for _____. And in the parish cycle of prayer, _____. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop; Margaret, our Rector; and Terri, our Deacon, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our President, Donald Trump; our Governor, Jim Pillen; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lord, we lift up those in our congregation, and those we know who are ill: _____. Are there others? We also pray for those with special concerns: _____. Are there others?

Have compassion on those that suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We remember all those who have died: _____. Are there others? Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

We pray for those who serve our country at home and abroad, for those who are deployed: _____. Are there others? Be with them and their families, Lord, to give them comfort and hope until they are once again reunited in peace. We ask that you watch over those who travel: _____. Are there others? Keep them safe as only you can. We ask that you continue to pour out your blessings on those who are celebrating birthdays this week: _____. Are there others? And those who are celebrating anniversaries: _____. Are there others?

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God,

we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu”

Hymnal 602

(Refrain)

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

¹ Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

(Refrain)

² Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

(Refrain)

³ These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

(Refrain)

⁴ Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

(Refrain)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring fulfillment.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People:

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant:

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and 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, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ONLINE COMMUNION BLESSING

Celebrant and Deacon: We pray that those online will receive a Spiritual Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ. ***Amen.***

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

“Taste and See”

WLP 764

(Refrain)

**Taste and see. Taste and see the
goodness of the Lord
O taste and see. Taste and see the
goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times.
His praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for he has been so good to me.

(Refrain)

² Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us all praise his name.

I called the Lord and he answered me;
from all my troubles he set me free.

(Refrain)

³ Worship the Lord all you people.

You'll want for nothing if you ask.

Taste and see that God is good;
in him we need put all our trust.

(Refrain)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food**

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

Going Forth Hymn

“Joyful, joyful”

Hymnal 376

¹ Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

² All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of

unbroken praise. field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

³ Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



The Nave Presence Candle is given by Jean Cook.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Ken Gomeriner.

Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Birthdays:

Linda B.
Sanda V.
Cammy W.
Olivia B.
Sylvia M.
Jillian P.

Anniversaries:

Ryan & Casey M.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
		September 6th	September 13th
VPOD		Vince C.	Judy D.
Hospitality		Team 3	Team 4
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 1
Spirit Hub		Ushers & Greeters (Chris D./Bill F.)	Outreach: Meals on Wheels (Kathy B.)
Altar Bread		Barb S.	Barb S.
LEMs	5:00pm	Kristi S.	Kathy B./Toby W.
	8:00am	Doug A.	Doug A.
	9:30am	Amber H./Lori E.	Jan S./Grace W.
LEV		Team 2	Team 3
Recycle		Jan S.	Marcia A.
Acolytes 9:30am	C T T	Kyper M Amanda N. Ailynn M.	Evelynn C. Vincent C. Mya H.

CHS VESTRY 2026

Judy Darrell – *Sr. Warden*
Ken Gomeringer – *Jr. Warden*

MEMBERS

Josh Cain
Brian Caskie
Margie Crawford
Vince Cummings
Rick Horejs
Kristi Smith

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Building Manager: We are looking for a new Building Manager. This is a volunteer position. If you are retired or have a free schedule to be available for the many needs that come up here in the church building, please let us know. Chris Darrell, who is currently in this role, will be willing to speak with you and give you the details of the position. We need someone to assume this role soon. Please consider this in prayer.

Sunday School: CHS Sunday School begins this Sunday. For more information, contact Cindy Pekarek, Director, at (402) 670-0575.

Adult Choir: Our adult choir rehearsals have started on Thursday 6:00pm-7:30pm. Rehearsals will be three Thursdays a month. The schedule will be in the Bulletin and online. If you have any questions about joining as a new member, please contact Mother Margaret at (240) 904-6171.

Education for Ministry (EfM): If you're interested in learning more about our online small group, EfM, please let Cindy Pekarek, Ruth Richter, or Deacon Terri know. Our class starts on 9/15; you can register up until 9/8. We will also host 3 EfM community sessions with our class over the next 9 months, and will share those dates as they become available. We'd love to have you join us and experience EfM!

Finance Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee Meeting will be on Sunday, September 13th.

Vestry Meeting: The Vestry Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17th and 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Journeys: Our youth program, Journeys, begins on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm.

DoK Retreat: Reminder to Margaret's chapter of Daughters of the King, the retreat is on September 12th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Carol Joy Holling Camp in Ashland.