

# **Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit**

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



**June 8, 2025  
9:30 am Sunday  
Day of Pentecost  
Whitsunday  
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 thank you.

God Bless  
Fr. Tom

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## The Holy Eucharist Rite II

### Opening Hymn

*Hail thee, festival day!*

**Hymnal 225**

Welcome

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you

*People :* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

### The Collect of the Day

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### The New Testament: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## The Epistle: Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*Spirit Song*

C11

## The Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27

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

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

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Message

**Bishop J. Scott Barker**

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*The Bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters* **I present *these persons* for Confirmation.**

*Presenters* **I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.**

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil.

*Candidate* **I do.**

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate* **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

*People*        **We will.**

*The Bishop then says these or similar words*

Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Bishop*        Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*        **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop*        Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*        **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop*        Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*        **I believe in the Holy Spirit  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop*        Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*        Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*        Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*        Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*        Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Bishop says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *these persons* who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader*        Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*        Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit, you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confirmation

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

## Reception

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one*

*N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Peace is then Exchanged*

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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

## Offertory Hymn

*Seek ye first*

**Bell Choir**

## Doxology

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving *(Prayer A)*

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal S129**

*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.**

*The people may stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **Fraction Hymn**

**Hymnal S155**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:*

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.

### **Communion Hymn**

*Love Divine*

**insert**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ Our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

### **Going Forth Hymn**

*Christ is the world's true light*

**Hymnal 542**

## **The 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 William French in Thanksgiving for Kathleen French.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Dcn Ted & Susan Powell in Thanksgiving or 50th wedding anniversary.



## Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

**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 everliving 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 hone 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**

Tommy M  
Donna T  
Scarlett K  
Stephan J  
Grace R

### **Anniversaries**

Deacon Ted & Sue P  
Chris & Judy D  
Cody & Ali C  
Todd & Betsy P  
Patrick & Maggie H

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		Jun 8	Jun 15
VPOD		Rick H	Vince C
Hospitality		Team 1	Team 2
Altar Guild		Team 2	Team 3
Spirit Hub		Vestry	Buildings & Grounds
Altar Bread		Ryan M	Ryan M
LEMs	5:00 pm	Emily W	Toby W/Kathy B
	8:00 am	Doug A	Doug A
	9:30 am	Brian C Vince C	Lori E Amber H
LEV		Team 3	Team 1
Recycle		Marcia A	Susan H
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	Vincent C MacKenzie C, Ailynn M Amanda N, Cadence K	Mya H Olivia H Evelynn C

## This Week's Highlights

**VBS Prep:** Cindy is looking for volunteers to help prepare for Vacation Bible School (23-26 Jun) during coffee hour after the 9:30 service as well as volunteers to help during the event as well.

**Youth Pilgrimage:** Next Sunday (15 Jun). our youth will be heading out to Alliance, NE where they will have the opportunity to spend a day on a working ranch, visit a nearby recycling plant, prepare and serve lunch as part of a street ministry, and do a little sightseeing. This trip is open to youth 12-18 years of age. If interested in going (there is still room) please speak with Fr Tom by this Sunday. The cost this year will be \$300/person. To receive a \$100 scholarship to help offset the cost, contact Fr Tom.

**VBS Registration:** Please stop by the Spirit Hub and let us know if you have youth interested in joining us for VBS (23-26 Jun, 6:30-8:00pm). While there, please sign the I'm interested form and pick up a registration form or register online by clicking the VBS button on our home page ([www.chsepiscope.org](http://www.chsepiscope.org)).

**Camp Registration Open:** Registration is now open for Camp Canterbury (14-18 Jul). The cost this year is \$295/youth. For more information about camp, or to register, please visit <https://campcanterbury.episcopal-ne.org>. Parish youth attending can receive a \$150 parish scholarship to help offset camp costs. To learn more about the scholarship, contact Fr Tom.

You are invited

to an Open House at

**Church of the Holy Spirit**

**June 22, 2025**

**10:45am – 1:30pm**

to celebrate the ministry and retirement of

**Father Thomas A. Jones**

and **Sharon A. Jones**