

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



July 12th, 2026

8:00 am

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rite I

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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The Holy Eucharist Rite I

Welcome

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

People: **And Blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant and People:

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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

The First Reading - Isaiah 55:10-13

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65:9-14

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *

the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰ You prepare the grain, *

for so you provide for the earth.

¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹² You crown the year with your goodness, *

and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *

and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹⁴ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *

let them shout for joy and sing.

The Epistle - Romans 6:12-23

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gospel - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

"It shall not return to me empty."

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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.*

Prayers of the People

Please kneel, stand or be seated.

Reader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop; Margaret, our Rector; and Terri, our Deacon, that they may inspire and equip us to plan and work and pray for the growth of the Church. Grant that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sacraments. In the Anglican cycle of prayer pray for _____, in the Diocesan cycle of prayer pray for _____, and in the DR, pray for _____. In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for _____, for this gathering, and for all ministers and people.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land: President Donald Trump; the Governor of the State, Jim Pillen; and the elected officials of our individual communities that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those who are ill, shut-in, hospitalized or recovering: _____. Are there others?

And those with special concerns: _____. Are there others? And all those who, in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We ask that you be with the poor and oppressed, the unemployed and destitute, especially those who are hungry, cold, and in need of our help; those imprisoned or held captive, especially those who struggle to survive; and all those who in this life face danger, violence, oppression, or degradation of any kind.

We ask you to watch over all the members of our armed forces, those who are deployed: _____. Are there others? And all their families, until they are once again reunited in peace. We also ask that you protect all those who are traveling, _____. Are there others?

We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: _____. Are there others? Those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: _____. Are there others? And for those occasions that you name at this time.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life: _____. Are there others?

We also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: _____. Are there others? Beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to

grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints that with them, we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant: Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sin unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant continues:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. "God so love the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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.***

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversaries

Offertory Sentence

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer I

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

People: **It is meet and right to do so.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. "But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and had taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life." Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues:

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **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 and People:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

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

Communion

Post Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

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

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**



The Nave Presence Candle is given by the Rector for Madeline Stanmore.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by the Rector for Mary Riley.

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 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

Mary D.

Jared S.

Anniversaries

Laura & Jason J.

Dwaine (J.R.) & Cindy P.

Frank & Margaret Z.

Christopher & Jennifer B.

Shane & Cheri N.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
		July 12th	July 19th
VPOD		Josh C.	Judy D.
Hospitality		Team 3	Team 4
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 1
Spirit Hub		Women of Spirit (Jean C./Karen G.)	Hospitality - Greeters (Bill F.)
Altar Bread		Ryan M.	Ryan M.
LEMs	5:00 pm	Kathy B./Toby W.	Kristi S.
	8:00 am	Doug A.	Cindy P.
	9:30 am	Jen W./Margie C.	Jan S./Carol S.
LEV		Team 3	Team 1
Recycle		Marcia A.	Susan H.
Acolytes 9:30am	C T T	Olivia H. Mackenzie C. Kyper M.	Mackenzie C. Olivia H. Mya H.

This Week's Highlights & Announcements

This Sunday, July 12th, our new Administrative Assistant Sam E. will be present at the end of the 8:00am Rite I Service, and will be worshipping with us at the Rite II 9:30 am Service. Sam is a welcome asset to our church office and we are so happy to have her here at CHS!

Keys: Our Jr. Warden, Ken Gomeringer, is doing a survey of the keys to the church. If you have a key for any door here at the church, please see Ken in the Hall on Sunday, July 12th and 19th.

The Flame: The Flame is now published quarterly. The current issue covers April, May and June. The next issue will cover July, August, and September and will be available October 1st. An Updated Flame 2 was sent out this week. Please let Mother Margaret know if you did not receive it.

250th Military Display: If you took any photos of the display, please share them with Mother Margaret. There were many items added on Sunday morning that were not officially photographed. I thank all for sharing your memorabilia with us!

Camp Canterbury: Mother Margaret will be on the staff at Camp Canterbury, our Diocesan camp, from Monday, July 13th to Friday, July 17th. During this time, Deacon Terri will be available for any pastoral needs. While she is away, our Admin Assistant, Sam, will be available in the office to answer or direct any questions you may have to the correct place.

Prayer Rope/Beads Workshop: Please come join us for a workshop learning the history regarding prayer ropes/beads. We will cover the origins of prayer ropes (early Christian Monasticism) from the third and fourth century, to the modern use of the Episcopal beads/Anglican rosary. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Micheal from St. Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church, who will be discussing the origin and use of the Monastic prayer ropes. You will also have an opportunity to make your own Anglican prayer bead rosary. We will meet on Saturday, July 25th from 9:00am – Noon in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, contact Judy Darrell. Beverages & snacks will be provided.

Parade: We will be participating again in the 'Arrows to Aerospace Parade' on Saturday, August 15th. If you would like to help plan and/or participate, please sign up at the Spirit Hub.

Backpack Blessing: We will be blessing backpacks on the weekend of Sunday, August 16th at all Services. Any age or school is welcome! *I'm getting my bookbag blessed for my final semester at PSR seminary.*

Youth Sunday & Parish Picnic: Please mark your calendars! Sunday, August 23rd at the 9:30am Service will be our Youth Sunday. This is also the day we will have our Parish Picnic!! I look forward to seeing you there!!

Church Office Hours

The Church Office will now be open:

Monday to Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm. Closed on Fridays!

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Judy Darrell – *Senior Warden*

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