

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



August 2nd, 2026

9:30 am

10TH 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

"Love divine, all loves excelling"

Hymnal 657

¹ Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

² Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be alway blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

³ Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson - Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹ The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

¹⁵ The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁶ The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁷ You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

¹⁸ The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

¹⁹ The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

²⁰ He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.

²¹ The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

²² My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

The Epistle - Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“Open your ears, O faithful people”

Hymnal 536

¹Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

(Refrain)

**God has spoken to the people,
Hallelujah!**
**God has spoken words of wisdom,
Hallelujah!**
**God has spoken to the people,
Hallelujah!**
**God has spoken words of wisdom,
Hallelujah!**

² They who have ears to hear this
message,

they who have ears, then let them hear.
They who would learn the way of
wisdom,
let them hear Gods word.

(Refrain)

³ Israel comes to greet the Savior,
Judah is glad to see his day.
From east and west the peoples travel,
he will show the way.

(Refrain)

⁴ Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

The Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21

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

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

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

"Listen!"

Mother Margaret+

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

"Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

Hymnal 343

¹ Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

³ Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

² We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.

⁴ Lord, sup with us in love divine,
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food

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 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

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.***

Sending Hymn

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Hymnal 690

¹ Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land; I am
weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with
thy powerful hand; bread of heaven,
bread of heaven, feed me now and
evermore, feed me now and evermore.

² Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow; let
the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my

journey through; strong deliverer, strong
deliverer, be thou still my strength and
shield, be thou still my strength and
shield.

³ When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid
my anxious fears subside; death of
death, and hell's destruction, land me
safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises,
songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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 the Wilsons in thanksgiving for their family & August birthdays.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Bill French for Vern French, Jean, Bertha, Mealy & Earl McMillion.

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:

Ryan M.
Rachel MR.
Allysa W.

Anniversaries:

Dean & Joan O.
Robert & Ruth R.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
		August 2nd	August 9th
VPOD		Margie C.	Brian C.
Hospitality		Team 2	Team 3
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 1
Spirit Hub		LEMs (Jen W.)	Sunday School (Cindy P.)
Altar Bread		Kristi S.	Kristi S.
LEMs	5:00pm	Kathy B./Toby W.	Brian C.
	8:00am	Cindy P.	Doug A.
	9:30am	Grace W.	Lori E./Vince C.
LEV		Team 3	Team 1
Recycle		Jan S.	Marcia A.
Acolytes 9:30am	C T T	Evelynn C. Vincent C. Kyper M.	Olivia H. Ailynn M. Amanda N.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Committee: Our next Worship Committee meeting is Sunday, August 2nd at approximately 10:45 in the conference room. Please make sure the leader (or assigned representative) from the acolyte, altar guild, bell choir, vocal choir, hospitality, lay eucharistic ministers and vestry are in attendance.

Parade: We will be participating again in the 'Arrows to Aerospace Parade' on Saturday, August 15th. Please volunteer to come and participate by riding on the float or walking alongside Mother Margaret and handing out candy!! ***Please sign up at the Spirit Hub.*** If you would like to add to our Candy Donations (non-chocolate!) they can be dropped off at the Church office. Thx!

First Friday Lunch: Our August 'First Friday Lunch' will be on August 7th at noon. Please bring your lunch and join us!

August Vestry Meeting: Our vestry meeting will be Thursday, August 13th at 6:00 pm. It will be held in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Backpack Blessing: Please buy this year's new backpacks for school soon. I 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.*

Shareholder Dinner: On August 21, 2026, we will hold the Dominican Republic Shareholder Dinner here at CHS. Please mark your calendars!

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!! Please bring a food item to share. I look forward to seeing you there!!

Sunday School: CHS Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 6th. For more information, contact Cindy Pekarek, Director, at (402) 670-0575.

Education for Ministry (EfM) Small Group: 3 openings for 9/26-5/27! The online EfM group will re-form and begin the new session on 9/15. To learn more, attend one or both introductory sessions from 6:30-8pm on 8/11 or 8/18. For details, visit efm.sewanee.edu. Please RSVP by 8/9 or 8/16 via email, text or call to

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