

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



September 13th, 2026

9:30 am

16TH 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

¹ Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

² Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

³ Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

⁴ Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 – Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-13

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

² Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

³ He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

⁴ He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

⁵ He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

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

⁹ He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

¹² As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

¹³ As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

THE EPISTLE - Romans 14:1-12

Reader: A Reading from the Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those

who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

"Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Hymnal 674

¹ 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

³ In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
how small the debts men owe to us
how great our debt to you.

² How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart,
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

⁴ Lord, cleanse the depths within our
souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, reconciled to God and man
our lives will spread your peace.

THE GOSPEL - Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *“Talk and listen to each other.”*

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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 I*)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying
"Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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, pray for _____, for this gathering, and for all ministers and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for our President, **Donald Trump**; our Governor, **Jim Pillen**; and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air especially: _____, are there others? Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We ask you to watch over all the members of our armed forces, those who are deployed especially: _____, are there others? Let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For your continued blessings on those celebrating birthdays this week especially: _____, are there others? and those celebrating anniversaries especially: _____, are there others? Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially: _____, are there others? Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those with special concerns especially: _____, are there others? Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially: _____, are there others? Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant:

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: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Amen.*

¹ Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

² Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

³ Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,

nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

⁴ May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

⁵ Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless
day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

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 B

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

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.

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:

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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Saviour Christ has 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

“Where Charity and love prevail”

Hymnal 581

¹ Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love,
by love are we thus bound.

² With grateful joy and holy fear
his charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength
now love him in return.

³ Forgive we now each other’s faults
as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

⁴ Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
Be his the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace.

⁵ Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God’s begotten Son;
As members of his Body joined,
we are in him made one.

⁶ Love can exclude no race or creed,
if honored be God’s Name;
Our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty and everliving 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

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

“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.**

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:

Kenneth C.
Meagan J.
Austin R.
Kirk A.
Joan C.
Paige H.

Anniversaries:

Channing & Cammy W.
Robert & Carol S.
Darian & Lexi M.



The Nave Presence Candle is given by Jean Cook.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Ken Gomeringer.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
		September 13th	September 20th
VPOD		Judy D.	Ken G.
Hospitality		Team 4	Team 1
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 2
Spirit Hub		Outreach: Meals on Wheels (Kathy B.)	Vestry (Judy D.)
Altar Bread		Jan S.	Jan S.
LEMs	5:00pm	Kathy B./Toby W.	Kristi S.
	8:00am	Doug A.	Doug A.
	9:30am	Jan S./Grace W.	Vince C./Margie C.
LEV		Team 3	Team 1
Recycle		Marcia A.	Susan H.
Acolytes 9:30am	C T T	Evelynn C. Vincent C. Mya H.	Olivia H. MacKenzie C. Amanda N.

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 or Co-Managers. This is a volunteer position. If you feel potentially called to this ministry and may have some availability 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.

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

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

Change in Vestry Meetings: The Vestry meetings will now be held on the 4th Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be on September 24th at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Mobile Food Pantry: The next mobile food pantry will be on Saturday, September 26th from 10:00-11:30am or until supplies last.

Pet Blessing: The Annual Pet Blessing will be Sunday, October 4th at 2pm on the church lawn.



Clothing Donation: In approximately 2 weeks, we will need a van or SUV to transfer clothing from Mother Margaret's home to Dignity Closet. The exact date TBD. Please see MM+ or Deacon Terri.