

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



August 9th, 2026

9:30 am

11TH 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

"I sing the almighty power of God"

Hymnal 398

¹ I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

² I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy

wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

³ There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

Welcome

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

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

All:

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

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

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 - 1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer

silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

⁹ Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle - Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“Spirit Song”

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¹Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you
whole

(Refrain)

Jesus, oh Jesus

Come and fill Your lambs

Jesus, oh Jesus

Come and fill Your lambs

²Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His
name
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

(Refrain)

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

"Take heart, it is I"

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

“How firm a foundation”

Hymnal 637

¹ How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

² “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

³ “When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy

troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

⁴ “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

⁵ “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

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

¹ I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

(Refrain)

**And I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last
day.**

² The bread that I will give is my
Flesh for the life of the world,
And they who eat of this bread
They shall live for ever,
They shall live for ever.

(Refrain)

³ Unless you eat of the
Flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his Blood,
You shall not have life within you,
You shall not have life within you.

(Refrain)

⁴ I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
Even if they die,
They shall live for ever.

(Refrain)

⁵ Yes, Lord we believe that
You are the Christ,
The son of god
Who has come into the world.

(Refrain)

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

The Blessing

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

Sending Hymn

"In Christ there is no East or West"

Hymnal 529

¹ In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

² Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be! Who serves

my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

³ In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

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 Kathleen French, Vernon & Jean French, 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:

Abby P.
Karen B.
Ed J.
Mike S.

Brent B.
Olivia H.
Todd P.
AJ P.

Anniversaries:

Andrew & Katarina K.

CHS VESTRY 2026

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

MEMBERS

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

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS

		August 9th	August 16th
VPOD		Brian C.	Kristi S.
Hospitality		Team 3	Team 4
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 2
Spirit Hub		Sunday School (Cindy P.)	Buildings & Grounds (Chris D. & Dean O.)
Altar Bread		Kristi S.	Kristi S.
LEMs	5:00pm	Brian C.	Kristi S.
	8:00am	Doug A.	Cindy P.
	9:30am	Jan S./Vince C.	Michele H./Amber H.
LEV		Team 1	Team 2
Recycle		Marcia A.	Susan H.
Acolytes 9:30am	C T T	Olivia H. Ailynn M. Amanda N.	Mya H. Mackenzie C. Evelynn C.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.*** Thx!

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 sign up at the Spirit Hub so we know how much food we need!

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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