

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



August 16th, 2026

9:30 am

12TH 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

“Christ for the world we sing”

Hymnal 537

¹ Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

² Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

³ Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

⁴ Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

² Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷ May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE EPISTLE - Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

"How wondrous and great thy works"

Hymnal 533

¹ How wondrous and great thy works,
God of praise! How just, King of saints,
and true are thy ways! O who shall not
fear thee, and honor thy Name? Thou
only art holy, thou only supreme.

² To nations of earth thy light shall be
shown; their worship and vows shall
come to thy throne: thy truth and thy
judgments shall spread all abroad, till
earth's every people confess thee their
God.

THE GOSPEL - Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions,

murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

“Proceeds from the heart.”

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

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

Dcn. Terri Storm

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 (Insert line of prayer from MM+)

Communion Hymn

“My God, thy table now is spread”

Hymnal 321

¹ My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow; be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.

² O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests: and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.

³ Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless numbers let them come and gather from their Father's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

⁴ Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the world thy truth has run, till with this Bread all men be blest who see the light or feel the sun

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

“Christ is the world’s true Light”

Hymnal 542

¹ Christ is the world's true light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
of every land and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

² In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:

when Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
to plough-share beat the sword,
to pruning hook the spear.

³ One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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:

Yara R.	Jason T.
Chad W.	Hadley M.
Beth B.	Ellen G.
Alexandra W.	

Anniversaries:

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
		August 16th	August 23rd
VPOD		Kristi S.	Josh C.
Hospitality		Team 4	Team 1
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 2
Spirit Hub		Buildings & Grounds (Ed J.)	Journeys (Lori S.)
Altar Bread		Kristi S.	Kristi S.
LEMs	5:00pm	Kristi S.	Kathy B./Toby W.
	8:00am	Cindy P.	Doug A.
	9:30am	Michele H./Amber H	YOUTH SUNDAY
LEV		Team 2	Team 3
Recycle		Susan H.	Karen G.
Acolytes 9:30am	C T T	Mya H. Mackenzie C. Evelynn C.	Vincent C. Amanda N. Olivia H.

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

Backpack Blessing: I hope you brought your backpacks this weekend because I will be blessing them at all Services. Any age or school is welcome! *My bookbag will be blessed for my final semester at PSR seminary.*

Shareholder Dinner: On August 21, 2026, at 6:00pm 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.

Adult Choir Rehearsal Begins: On Thursday, August 27 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Rehearsals will be every Thursday evening. If you have any questions about joining as a new member, please contact Mother Margaret at (240) 904-6171.

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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