

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



September 27th, 2026

9:30 am

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rite II

with Healing Rites

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

"Come, thou font of every blessing"

Hymnal 686

¹ Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams
of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of
loudest praise. Teach me some
melodious sonnet, sung by flaming
tongues above. Praise the mount! O fix
me on it, mount of God's unchanging
love.

² Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come; and I
hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to

arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a
stranger, wandering from the fold of
God; he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

³ Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily
I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness,
like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to
thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love; here's my
heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy
courts above.

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of

Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-8

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

THE EPISTLE – Philippians 2:1-13

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

¹ Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide
myself in thee; let the water and the
blood from thy wounded side that
flowed, be of sin the double cure,
cleansing me from its guilt and power.

² Should my tears for ever flow, should
my zeal no languor know, all for sin
could not atone: thou must save, and

thou alone; in my hand no price I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling.

³ While I draw this fleeting breath, when
mine eyelids close in death, when I rise
to worlds unknown and behold thee on
thy throne, Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

THE GOSPEL - Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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: _____. 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: _____. Are there others? Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For those with special concerns: _____. 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:
_____ 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.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Seek ye first”

Hymnal 711

¹ Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness, and all these
things shall be
added unto you; Alleluia, alleluia!

(Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

² Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the
door shall be
opened unto you; Alleluia, alleluia!

(Refrain)

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 every-
where 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.

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

"What wondrous love is this"

Hymnal 439

¹ What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
O my soul! What wondrous love is this,
O my soul! What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss to lay
aside his crown for my soul, for my
soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul!

² To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I
will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will

sing. To God and to the Lamb who is
the great I AM, while millions join the
theme, I will sing, I will sing, while
millions join the theme, I will sing.

³ And when from death I'm free, I'll
sing on, I'll sing on, and when from
death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when
from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful

be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll
sing on, and through eternity I'll sing
on.

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

"Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Hymnal 344

¹ Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill
our hearts with joy and peace; let us
each, thy love possessing, triumph in
redeeming grace: O refresh us, O
refresh us, traveling through this
wilderness.

² Thanks we give and adoration for thy
Gospel's joyful sound: may the fruits of

thy salvation in our hearts and lives
abound: ever faithful, ever faithful to
thy truth may we be found;

³ so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away, fear of
death shall not appall us, glad thy
summons to obey. May we ever, may we
ever reign with thee in endless day.

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:

Virginia S.
Lisa S.
Marie Z.

Anniversaries:

Della & Nic S.



The Nave Presence Candle is given by Jean Cook.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Ken Gomeringer.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS				
		September 27th	October 4th	October 11th
VPOD		Margie C.	Brian C.	Kristi S.
Hospitality		Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Altar Guild		Team 4	Team 1	Team 2
Spirit Hub		Outreach: Mobile Food Pantry (Margie C.)	Bell Choir (Dcn. Terri)	Acolytes (Brian C.)
Altar Bread		Jan S.	Jan S.	Jan S.
LEMs	5:00pm	Kristi S.	TBD	TBD
	8:00am	Cindy P.	TBD	TBD
	9:30am	Michele H./Carol S.	TBD	TBD
LEV		Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
Recycle		Karen G.	Jan S.	Marcia A.
Acolytes 9:30am	C T T	Vincent C. Mya H. MacKenzie C.	Olivia H. Evelynn C. Amanda N.	Isaiah H. Mya H. Vincent C.

CHS VESTRY 2026

MEMBERS

Judy Darrell – *Sr. Warden*

Ken Gomeringer – *Jr. Warden*

Josh Cain

Brian Caskie

Margie Crawford

Vince Cummings

Rick Horejs

Kristi Smith

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletins: The Bulletins have changed to a larger paper size! This will make them easier to read because we have more space to use a larger font for the readings and the announcements. We will still have a few larger Bulletins for your use at the entrances.

New Adult Choir Schedule: Our adult choir rehearsal schedule has been amended. Rehearsals will now be two Thursdays a month. The time will remain the same from 6:00pm-7:30pm. The Choir Schedule can be found on the CHS website. If you have any questions about joining as a new member, please contact Mother Margaret at (240) 904-6171.

Clothing Donation: We're almost ready to transfer the first round of clothing donations to Dignity Closet and have had someone volunteer their vehicle for that purpose. Stay tuned for a future announcement regarding when additional donations can be brought in for Dignity Closet or other organizations that do similar work.

First Friday Lunch: Our First Friday bagged lunch will be on October 2nd at noon in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

