

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



October 11, 2026

8:00 am

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rite I

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 ONE

WELCOME

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

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

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

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All:

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a
shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like
heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the
ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a
feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE EPISTLE – Philippians 4:1-9

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

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL - Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping

and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

“Everyone you find.”

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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

Reader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, for **Sarah**, the Archbishop of Canterbury; **Sean**, our Presiding Bishop; **Scott**, our Bishop; **Margaret**, our Rector; and **Terri**, our Deacon; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sacraments.

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.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land: our President **Donald Trump**; the Governor of

the State, **Jim Pillen**; and the elected officials of our individual communities that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those who are ill, shut-in, hospitalized or recovering: _____. Are there others?

And those with special concerns: _____. Are there others? And all those who, in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We ask that you be with the poor and oppressed, the unemployed and destitute, especially those who are hungry, cold, and in need of our help; those imprisoned or held captive, especially those who struggle to survive; and all those who in this life face danger, violence, oppression, or degradation of any kind.

We ask you to watch over all the members of our armed forces, those who are deployed: _____. Are there others? And all their families, until they are once again reunited in peace. We also ask that you protect all those who are traveling: _____. Are there others?

We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: _____. Are there others? Those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: _____. And for those occasions that you name at this time.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life: _____. Are there others?

We also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: _____. Are there others? Beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant:

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sin unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins

and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,

the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter

serve and please thee in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of thy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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 with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good thy vows unto the Most High. ***Amen.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer I

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right to do so.**

Celebrant:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; united peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our

Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ***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: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: **grant us thy peace.**

All: **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.***

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

POST-COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious

Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

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

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 Charlotte Austin.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Brian & Jennifer Wilson for family and October birthdays.

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:

Della S.
Courtney M.

Anniversaries:

Jason & Sarah T.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS				
		October 11th	October 18th	October 25th
VPOD		Kristi S.	Josh C.	Rick H.
Hospitality		Team 4	Team 1	Team 2
Altar Guild		Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Spirit Hub		Acolytes (Brian C.)	Altar Guild (Barb S.)	Sunday School/Vocal Choir (Cindy P./Ali C.)
Altar Bread		Jan S.	Jan S.	Jan S.
LEMs	5:00pm	Charlotte A.	Kristi S.	Charlotte A.
	8:00am	Cindy P.	Doug A.	Cindy P.
	9:30am	Jen W./Brian C.	Jan S./Carol S.	Michele H./Margie C.
LEV		Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Recycle		Marcia A.	Susan H.	Karen G.
Acolytes 9:30am	C T T	Isaiah H. Mya H. Vincent C.	Evelynn C. Amanda N. Mackenzie C.	Olivia H. Vincent C. Mya H.

<u>CHS VESTRY 2026</u>	
Judy Darrell – <i>Sr. Warden</i> Ken Gomeringer – <i>Jr. Warden</i>	<u>MEMBERS</u> Josh Cain Brian Caskie Margie Crawford Vince Cummings Rick Horejs Kristi Smith

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office closed for Federal Holiday on Monday, October 12th.

Trunk-or-Treat: Sunday, October 25th, from 2-4pm will be our annual Trunk-or-Treat! Sign up at the Spirit Hub to volunteer; you can help with games inside the parish hall, or reserve a parking spot to decorate your trunk and hand out candy.

Moving Veterans Forward: Throughout October, we will be accepting financial donations for CHS's annual collection we give to MVF. When Nebraska and Iowa homeless veterans are placed in housing by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs with nothing more than the clothes on their back, they need furnishings to make their apartment or house a home. Moving Veterans Forward (MVF) is the nonprofit all-volunteer organization that assists them. The items we will purchase with the funds raised will be: Red Devil Vacuums, Crockpots in 4.5 & 6 qt sizes, and dinner plates. We can also accept donations of any small sized furniture in good condition. Please contact Nancy Baxter, who is the CHS Ministry Leader and the Essentials Purchaser for this outreach if you have any questions. Thank you! MM+

Guest Minister: On the weekend of October 17th & 18th, Archdeacon Roy Phillips will be delivering the Messages for all of our Services. We are blessed to have him with us!

Bellevue Together Coat Drive: Bellevue Together is sponsoring a children's winter coat drive on October 29th & 30th, and they need help with organizing, sorting, etc. We have an opportunity to do a couple hours of "sitting work" on Monday, October 26th, at 1pm to help them prepare for the distribution. If you would like to help, please contact Jan Sinram.

Spark & Flame Publications: We have discovered there are still a few of you who are not receiving our online publications! A few months ago we asked for the names & email addresses of those of you who are not in our roster, so we could update our information. If you are not receiving our Spark publication online on Fridays or our quarterly Flame, please give us your information by emailing holyspirit@chsepiscopal.org or calling Sam in the office at (402) 291-7732.

Church Office Volunteers: We are looking for people who would be willing to be in the office to greet people and cover the phones if both the Admin Assistant and Mother Margaret are out for the day. The office is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00am - 2:00pm. You may be needed for a part of a day or for the full day. Of course, we would like to be able to ask you in advance, but we would like to know if you are available with little notice. Please let Mother Margaret or Sam in the office know. We thank you in advance for your willingness to help us in this way.

Baker's Community Rewards: Please sign up for the Community Rewards Program at your local Baker's store. Your participation means you will earn money for your community organization when you use your loyalty card! You can sign up on the Baker's website by going to Community Rewards and choosing Church of the Holy Spirit. If you have any questions, please let Mother Margaret know.

College Boxes: The Daughters of the King will be sending out the fall college boxes the first week of November. If you have a college student and would like for them to receive a college box, please submit their name and address to Karen Gray at dynamoquail@msn.com before November 1st.