

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



October 18, 2026

9:30 am

21ST 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

"Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty"

Hymnal 362

¹ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise
to thee: Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and
mighty, God in three Persons, blessed
Trinity.

³ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness
hide thee, though the sinful human eye
thy glory may not see, only thou art
holy; there is none beside thee, perfect
in power, in love, and purity.

² Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore
thee, casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea; cherubim and
seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt
be.

⁴ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in
earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty, God in three
Persons, blessed Trinity.

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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 – Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him

and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-9

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

² Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

⁹Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

THE EPISTLE – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader: A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

"Jesus, our mighty Lord"

Hymnal 478

¹ Jesus, our mighty Lord, our strength in
sadness,
the Father's conquering Word, true
source of gladness;
your Name we glorify, O Jesus, throned
on high;
you gave yourself to die for our
salvation.

² Good shepherd of your sheep, your
own defending,
in love your children keep to life
unending.
You are yourself the Way: lead us then
day by day
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord
most holy.

³ Glorious their life who sing, with glad
thanksgiving,
true hymns to Christ the King in all
their living:

all who confess his Name, come then
with hearts aflame;
the God of peace acclaim as Lord and
Savior.

THE GOSPEL - Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Deacon Terri Storm

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 SOLO *“Holy, holy holy”* on handbells by Dcn. Terri & Michele H.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

“Peace before us”

WLP 791

¹ Peace before us, peace behind us,
peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all
around us be peace,

² Love before us, love behind us, love
under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all
around us be love.

³ Light before us, light behind us, light
under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all
around us be light.

⁴ Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all
around us be light.

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.**

¹ Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in
light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great
Name we praise.

² Unresting, unhasting, and silent as
light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou
rulest in might; thy justice like
mountains high soaring above thy
clouds, which are fountains of goodness
and love.

³ To all life thou givest, to both great
and small; in all life thou livest, the true
life of all; we blossom and flourish, like
leaves on the tree, then wither and
perish; but nought changeth thee.

⁴ Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in
light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight; all laud we would render: O
help us to see 'tis only the splendor of
light hideth thee.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Birthdays:

Deanne M.
Kristi S.
Pam C.

Anniversaries:



The Nave Presence Candle is given by Charlotte Austin.

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

Thank you to our guest organist today, Beth Agar!

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS				
		October 18th	October 25th	November 1st
VPOD		Josh C.	Kristi S.	Vince C.
Hospitality		Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Altar Guild		Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
Spirit Hub		Altar Guild (Barb S.)	Sunday School/Vocal Choir (Cindy P./Ali C.)	Daughters of the King (Judy D.)
Altar Bread		Jan S.	Jan S.	Ryan M.
LEMs	5:00pm	Kristi S.	Charlotte A.	Kathy B./Toby W.
	8:00am	Doug A.	Cindy P.	N/A
	9:30am	Jan S./Carol S.	Michele H./Margie C.	N/A
LEV		Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
Recycle		Susan H.	Karen G.	Jan S.
Acolytes 9:30am	C T T All Saints	Evelynn C. Amanda N. Mackenzie C.	Olivia H. Vincent C. Mya H.	Kyper M. Ailynn M. Mackenzie C. Olivia H./Amanda N.

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

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Magdalene Omaha: On Wednesday, October 21st, Teresa Houser and Tesa Miller from Magdalene Omaha will be visiting CHS to talk with our Journeys Youth about what trafficking, what Magdalene Omaha does and the annual Longest Night Vigil. All parish members, family and friends are invited to join us from 7-8pm in the parish hall. Stay for Compline as well!

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+

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. 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.

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.

NEW CHS DIRECTORY PHOTOS

The photos for the new 2027 Directory will all be taken here at CHS. Please sign up for an appointment time at the Spirit Hub. Photos will be taken on Saturdays on Nov. 7th, & 14th between 3:30-5pm and on Sundays on Nov 1st, 8th, & 15th between 11am-12:30pm. Bonus:

You will receive your own online copy!