

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



July 26th, 2026

9:30 am

9TH 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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The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Opening Hymn

“O Worship the King”

Hymnal 388

¹ O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of
Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with
praise.

² O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy
space.
His chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the
storm.

³ Your bountiful care, what tongue can
recite?

It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

⁴ Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the
end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and
Friend!

⁵ O measureless Might, unchangeable
Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

Welcome

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

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

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.**

GLORIA

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson – 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

¹³² Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

¹³³ Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

¹³⁵ Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Epistle – Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“If Thou But Trust in God”

Hymnal 635

¹ If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide
thee, and bear thee through the evil
days, who trusts in God's unchanging
love builds on a rock that nought can
move.

² Sing, pray, and keep his ways
unswerving; so do thine own part
faithfully, and trust his word, though
undeserving; thou yet shalt find it true
for thee; God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

The Gospel - Matthew 13:31-33, 44-25

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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.***

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

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.*

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 and Anniversaries

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant:

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Amen.*

¹ Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou
art— thou my best thought, by day or by
night, waking or sleeping, thy presence
my light.

² Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
word; I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord; thou my great Father; thine own
may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one
with thee.

³ High King of heaven, when victory is
won, may I reach heaven’s joys, bright
heaven’s Sun! Heart of my heart,
whatever befall, still be my vision, O
Ruler of all.

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.**

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.***

¹ I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

² I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ’s communion bread.

³ As Christ breaks bread and bids us
share,
each proud division ends.

That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

⁴ And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.

⁵ Together met, together bound,
we’ll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we’ll live and speak his praise.

2nd Communion Hymn*“One Bread, One Body” (Refrain Only)***C36**

One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Post Communion

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

“Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word”

Hymnal

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¹ Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
That to earth's remotest bound
all may heed the joyful sound;

² Word of how the Father's will
Made the world, and keeps it, still;
How his only Son he gave,
earth from sin and death to save;

³ Word of how the Saviour's love
Earth's sore burden doth remove;

How forever, in its need,
Through his death the world is freed;

⁴ Word of how the spirit came
Bringing peace in Jesus' name
How his never failing love
Guides us on to heaven above

⁵ Word of life, most pure and strong,
Word for which the nations long,
Spread abroad, until from night
All the world awakes to light

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 Rector for Madeline Stanmore.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by the Rector for Mary Riley.

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:

Amanda H.
Jen C.
Ailynn M.
Rick S.

Courtney B.
Crystal K.
Joan O.

Anniversaries:

Walt & Mary D.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
		July 26th	August 2nd
VPOD		Ken G.	Margie C.
Hospitality		Team 1	Team 2
Altar Guild		Team 2	Team 1
Spirit Hub		LEVs (Karen G.)	LEMs (Jen W.)
Altar Bread		Ryan M.	Kristi S.
LEMs	5:00pm	Charlotte A.	Kathy B./Toby W.
	8:00am	Doug A.	Cindy P.
	9:30am	Vince C./Brian W.	Emily W./Grace W.
LEV		Team 2	Team 3
Recycle		Karen G.	Jan S.
Acolytes 9:30am	C T T	Mya H. Mackenzie C. Vincent C.	Evelynn C. Vincent C. Kyper M.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parade: We will be participating again in the 'Arrows to Aerospace Parade' on Saturday, August 15th. If you would like to help plan and/or participate, please sign up at the Spirit Hub. Candy Donations (non-chocolate!) can be dropped off at the Church office.

Backpack Blessing: We will be blessing backpacks on the weekend of Sunday, August 16th at all Services. Any age or school is welcome! *I'm getting my bookbag blessed for my final semester at PSR seminary.*

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!!

Worship Committee: Our next Worship Committee meeting is Sunday, August 2nd approximately at 10:45 in the conference room. Please make sure the leader (or assigned representative) from the acolyte, altar guild, bell choir, vocal choir, hospitality, lay eucharistic ministers and vestry are in attendance.

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 Ruth Richter at richterfamilyne@gmail.com / 402-88-7580 or Cindy Pekarek, circlecnp@gmail.com / 402-670-0575.

Church Office Hours

The Church Office will now be open:
Monday to Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm. Closed on Fridays!

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